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FOR: HB 1329 HD1 SD1 Relating to Education  
DATE: March 31, 2023  
TIME: 9:45 A.M.  
COMMITTEE: Committee on Way & Means  
ROOM: Conference Room 211 & Videoconference  
FROM: Yvonne Lau, Interim Executive Director  
State Public Charter School Commission

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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee:

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT of HB 1329 HD1 SD1 with suggested amendments** which requires the Department of Education to work with certain organizations to develop and implement an active shooter training program in all public and charter schools under the jurisdiction of the department. The measure also exempts public and charter school students from participation in the department’s active shooter training program.

The Commission appreciates the Senate’s inclusion of charter schools in this program as charter schools are also public schools. To avoid any confusion and uncertainty, the Commission respectfully requests the following amendments:

- Remove the words “under the jurisdiction of the department” on page 2, lines 4 and 5; and page 2, line 13.

The Commission is available to work with this committee, the DOE, and our public charter schools in moving this legislation forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



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**Date:** 03/31/2023

**Time:** 09:45 AM

**Location:** CR 211 & Videoconference

**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Keith T. Hayashi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** HB 1329, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO EDUCATION.

**Purpose of Bill:** Requires the Department of Education to work with certain organizations to develop and implement an active shooter training program in all public and charter schools under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education. Exempts public and charter school students from participation in an active shooter training program of the Department of Education. Effective 6/30/3000. (SD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Hawaii State Department of Education (Department) supports HB 1329, HD1, SD1, and is committed to providing schools with a training program to effectively address an active shooter threat.

The majority of public schools in Hawaii are constructed in a distinct open-air setting. Due to their unique architectural design, Hawaii schools pose an array of security concerns for school administrators and law enforcement alike.

As a result of these concerns, the Department has collaborated with and will continue to work with local and federal law enforcement and its contracted active shooter training vendor. Due to the recent unprecedented increase in school shootings, the Department recognizes the need to enhance its commitment to provide a robust active threat training program.

The Department would like to note that should there be any circumstances where an employee's safety is in any way compromised, the Department does have existing processes in place to address these concerns and ensure the safety of all

administrators, teachers, and staff at our schools.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

**HB-1329-SD-1**

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Testimony for WAM on 3/31/2023 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cards Pintor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this bill.

Mahalo nui,

Cards Pintor